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1. A deal was concluded by the Deutsche Edelstahlwerke A.G., Krefeld, involving the sale to the Purchasing Commission of the DAHA (Deutscher Aussenhandel), Berlin, of 300 tons of tubes of special steel from which ball bearings are cast. The price is to be 500 DM (sic, presumably West). The steel is to be delivered to the Russian Zone in November 1950.

Comment: Tubes of such steel are considered highly-strategic material. It can, therefore, be assumed that the firm, when applying for export licenses, will describe the material as something in a lower strategic category.

Comment: The Deutsche Edelstahlwerke A.G. in Krefeld, with branches in Bochum, Dortmund, Remscheid, and Verdohl, has been mentioned as supplier of highly-strategic steel previously. [redacted] reported on the sale of ball-bearing steel by the Bochum branch of the above firm to associate firms of the DEAG (Russian Zone). [redacted] the Edelstahlwerke and two other firms as sellers of 300 tons of high-speed cutting steel to the Poldinütte in Prague. [redacted] Isrania A.G. in Zurich was negotiating with the Edelstahlwerke on the purchase of 500 tons of special steel and alloys, probably on behalf of the Russians.

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